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REQUIREMENT

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A study of Soviet military doctrine drawn from available military textbooks and articles in Soviet service periodicals.

Particularly need information on:

- Changes in defensive concepts - the traditional trading of space for time - which would reflect existence of the Satellites as additional buffer zones
- Role assigned to Satellite armed forces in an offensive - defense of rear and lines of supply or actual combatant
- Changes in concepts of the use of airpower, reflecting the postwar independence of the Air Force from the Red Army
- Adaptations of air warfare concepts reflecting the existence of a Soviet strategic air capability
- Reflections in very recent material and studies of adjustment in Soviet tactical doctrine to the existence of US tactical atomic weapons - bombs and artillery

A catalogue (for the present) of available Soviet staff writings on the following subjects - from which further more specific excerpts, compilations and studies could be requested:

- Long Range Air Force
- Military participation in economic planning (Industrial War College type material)
- Tables of Equipment for Soviet Army units
- Military tactical SOPs for:
  - river crossings
  - transportation of units forward to the fronts
  - supply operations under combat conditions
  - artillery employment in offensives
  - air-armor cooperation
  - air interception of enemy aircraft
  - deployment of AA weapons

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